

REMARKS

After entry of the present Amendment, claims 17-19 and 23-25 are pending in the application. Claims 26 and 27 are canceled without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application directed to the subject matter thereof. Claim 17 has been amended to recite that a) and b) are "2 to 10." Support for the amendment can be found at least at page 7, 4th full paragraph and Table 1 at pages 10-16. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced by way of the amendment.

The claims stand variously rejected. Each of the rejections is traversed as discussed below.

Abstract

The examiner has requested that the Abstract point more clearly to the claimed subject matter. Applicants have included a replacement Abstract herewith, which includes an exemplary compound falling within the scope of the currently pending claims. Withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 17-19 and 23-25 as indefinite for the recitation of "at least two" with regard to the length of the alkyl chain at a) and b). Applicants respectfully assert that the recitation of "at least two" is not *per se* indefinite, as the Examiner argues. However, to advance prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 17 to recite "2 to 10."

In view of the Amendment, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 17-19 and 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

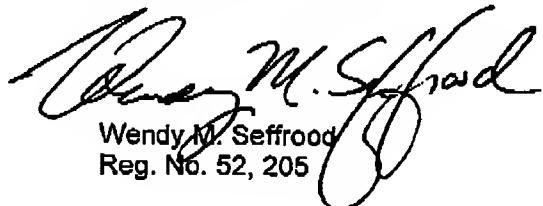
Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 26 and 27 as not enabled. These claims have been canceled herein, thereby mooting the rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 17-19 and 23-25 is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience should any issues remain with respect to the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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